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BEACH WHEELCHAIRS NOW AVAILABLE AT ONTARIO BEACH PARK

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced the availability of beach wheelchairs at Ontario Beach Park for use by people who are physically unable to navigate the sandy beach at the park.

"These chairs are wonderful in that they allow people who use wheelchairs or who cannot walk in the sand, the ability to enjoy on their toes the refreshing waters of Lake Ontario," said Doyle. "I am delighted that those unable to walk the sandy beach at Ontario Beach Park will now be able to experience a stroll across the sand with the lake's breezes in their face."

The manual wheelchairs, called "De-Bug Beach Wheelchairs" and manufactured in Pensacola, Florida, are available at the lifeguard office in the Roger Robach Community Center, and can be accessed by contacting a lifeguard. Proper identification is needed to borrow a beach wheelchair.

There are five wheelchairs, paid for by a Community Development Block Grant.

Supervised swimming at Ontario Beach Park officially opens this Saturday, June 16, 2001.

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